

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

February 24, 2006

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

GTSAC MEMBERS

Michael Prince
Linda Scarpetta
F/Lt. Thad Peterson
Ron Wilson
John Friend
Pamela Hall
Chief David Stamm
Steven Puuri

REPRESENTING

Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Department of Community Health (MDCH)
Department of State Police (MSP)
Department of State (DOS)
Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Office of Services to the Aging (OSA)
Local Representative – Michigan Association of Chief's of Police
Local Representative – County Road Commission Association

STAFF

Sue Joseph

GTSAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Morris, Chair
Dwight Sinila
Sheriff Al Byam

Office of the Governor
Department of Education (MDE)
Local Representative – Michigan Sheriff's Association

ACTION TEAMS

Homer Smith/MADD-Michigan Alcohol/Drug Impaired Driving
Dianne Perukel/OHSP for Gary Bubar/AAA – Drivers Ages 24 and Younger Action Team

GUESTS

Jack Benac
Lance Binoniemi
Sgt. Matt Bolger
Mark Cornwell
Jim Culp
Kathy Farnum
Bob Felt
Sandy Liddle
Betty Mercer
Jeff Mitchell
Dave Morena
Mouhamad Naboulsi
Ramona Putnam
Carol Reagan
Anne Readett
Donna Smith
Sydney Smith
Bob Struck
Larry Tibbits
Dave Wallace
Mary Wichman

REPRESENTING

Michigan Department of Information Technology (MDIT)
Michigan Licensed Beverage Association
MSP/Executive Division
Private Citizen – Holly Township
MDOT
OHSP
MDOT/Office of Communications
Office of Financial and Insurance Services
Mercer Consulting Group
Van Buren County Road Commission
Federal Highway Administration
Applied Computer Technologies, Inc.
DOS
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OHSP
NHTSA/Great Lakes Region
MSP/Criminal Justice Information Center
UP – EMS
MDOT
Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan
MSP/Criminal Justice Information Center

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Michael Prince. Roll call of GTSAC members and introductions completed.

Public Comment/Announcement Items

Mouhamad Naboulsi, Applied Computer Technologies, Inc. addressed the GTSAC on the public safety issues regarding usage of electronic devices and cell phones while driving.

Mark Cornwell, Private Citizen – Holly Township addressed the GTSAC regarding a request for more winter driver training in relation to several winter related crashes in the Holly Township area.

Approval of GTSAC December 16, 2005 Minutes

The December 16, 2006, minutes were approved. **Motion made by John Friend to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Ron Wilson. Motion passed.**

Reports/Updates

➤ Chair Report

Chair Robert Morris could not attend the meeting. Kathy Farnum and Jim Culp gave an update on the Working Group Committee for the State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The first meeting was held on January 13, 2006. Jim Culp/MDOT and Kathy Farnum/OHSP will serve as Co-chairs. Two issues were identified by this group to address initially. The first is to get the plan finalized, approved by the Commission and submitted to the Governor for approval. This involves a review of the current draft plan by Federal Highway Administration to ensure it meets the criteria as identified in SAFETEA-LU. Next, each Action Team has been asked to review the background and strategy information included in the draft SHSP and provide any revisions based upon their current action plan. The second issue is for each action team to review their current action plan to ensure that they have included goals, near-term strategies and an identified lead agency for each of those strategies. The next meeting of this work group is scheduled to take place the week of March 6, 2006 at OHSP.

➤ Legislative Report – Sgt. Matt Bolger

Sergeant Bolger highlighted the handout document regarding traffic safety legislative issues.

GTSAC Commissioner Update

➤ Community Health – Linda Scarpetta

Child Passenger Safety bill analysis was distributed. MDCH is compiling information to distribute child safety seats should the bills be passed. A round table discussion will be held in June with Michigan chairing the discussions on Teen Belt Use. Speakers at this event will address best practices, teen driving safety, and what respective agencies are doing to combat this growing issue of concern.

➤ Education – Dwight Sinila

No report.

➤ State – Ron Wilson

Carol Reagan was introduced as the new Traffic Safety Specialist for DOS. Secretary Land and the Michigan Pharmacist Association have launched a new campaign, Use Caution, Drive Safely, to address the issue of driving with over the counter drugs. DOS staff involved with Driver Education and Motorcycle Safety will participate in breakout workshops at this year's Traffic Safety Summit. The 2006 Motorcycle Safety Program training season will be launched in Detroit during March.

➤ State Police – F/Lt. Thad Peterson

MDOT and MSP are working together on construction enforcement for work zones during this upcoming construction season. Traffic Services is working on motorcycle crash data obtained from UD-10 forms. Sergeant Spink is working on school bus crash data and will have further data at a future GTSAC meeting.

➤ Transportation – John Friend

Mike Eberlein has been appointed to the Safe Routes to School initiative for MDOT. The program is in the early development stage and will be presented at a future GTSAC meeting when details to launch the program are finalized. The construction zone season will have new PSAs to publicize the new construction speed limits and includes both MDOT and MSP working together on this issue.

➤ OSA – Pamela Hall

The OSA is in the development stage for 2007-2009 State Plan Hearings. Several meetings to obtain input are scheduled around the state to help shape Michigan's elderly transportation issues.

➤ OHSP – Michael Prince

FanFest events (All-Star Baseball and NFL SuperBowl) were attended by OHSP staff to exhibit and tape public service announcement messages. This is a nice venue to bring attention to traffic safety issues. A Child Passenger Safety event was conducted to introduce the new mascot – Clicket the Cricket. Michigan Traffic Safety Summit will be held February 28 through March 1, 2006. The GTSAC Awards Banquet will follow. The Award Winner Reception will be held at 11:30 a.m. for the award winners, commissioners and GTSAC Department Directors to meet the award winners. The OHSP Annual Report and the Michigan Truck Safety Commission Annual Report were distributed to the Commission.

➤ Local Representation – Chief David Stamm – Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP)

MACP conference was held in early February. The MACP awarded 19 traffic safety awards during the annual conference.

➤ Local Representation – Sheriff Al Byam – Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA)

No report.

➤ Local Representation – Steven Puuri – County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM)

A Washtenaw County meeting was attended by F/Lt. Thad Peterson to present and discuss setting realistic speed limits and gravel road speeds for Washtenaw County. The County Road Association of Michigan will host the National County Road Association Conference in early March.

Action Team Reports

➤ Young Driver Action Team – Dianne Perukel/OHSP

The Young Driver Action Team continues to meet every other month. The next meeting of the Action Team will be held at OHSP on April 7, 2006. The action team is developing a graduated driver license information card for law enforcement to use during traffic stops as a quick reference card. The action plan will be presented at a workshop during the Traffic Safety Summit.

➤ Other Driver Behavior Action Team – F/Lt. Thad Peterson/MSP, Traffic Services

The action team has members with many different areas of focus. While the multi-faceted focus is very useful, it is also difficult to incorporate all the member's focus into a report for the GTSAC with group consensus. For these reasons, the group will need time to spend in the learning mode to determine which issues to address first.

GTSAC Administrative Items

➤ Michigan's Emergency Medical Services Capabilities – Bob Struck, UPEMS, Inc.

Bob Struck has considerable knowledge of information related to EMS in Michigan. Mr. Struck was invited to the meeting to help the GTSAC understand this complex issue and help give direction to move this area forward within the SHSP process. A handout was distributed with the history and process of EMS and how it fits into the highway traffic safety arena. Jeri Pulford-Foster – SWM Systems, Inc. covers the southwestern regions of Michigan and Bob Struck covers the northern and Upper Peninsula regions of Michigan. Both are contractors with MDCH which regulates the EMS program for Michigan. OHSP has been involved throughout the years with initiatives and funding. With the diversity of the issues from rural to urban and child bearing to elderly care knowledge it is hard but not impossible to coordinate statewide efforts in relation to the highway safety initiatives. OHSP has already launched initiatives for this program area by appointing a program area specialist and making preliminary plans for a statewide EMS assessment.

➤ MADD/NHTSA Law Enforcement Leadership Summit Debrief – Homer Smith/MADD-Michigan

MADD/NHTSA sponsored a conference in New York with a delegation of high ranking officials from Michigan to explore, discuss and debate effective enforcement strategies that will save lives and prevent injuries in relation to alcohol awareness and public safety issues. The group conducted state breakout sessions to strategize on the efforts taking place in Michigan. OHSP is researching options to increase the high visibility enforcement for the 2006 You Drink and Drive. You Lose. alcohol mobilization campaign. Michigan participates in the national campaign but wants to have a local feel which may help re-energize and raise awareness for the campaign. Michigan has strong partnerships and reliable data to ensure the distribution of grant funding will address the problem areas around Michigan.

➤ Final Phase and Future of Crash Process Redesign Report – Jack Benac and Mary Wichman

Jack Benac, Michigan Department of Information Technology gave an update on the phases that were followed for the Crash Process Redesign project. All phases were delivered on schedule and under budget. The Traffic Safety Summit will have a workshop to demonstrate the final product. Mary Wichman, MSP, Criminal Justice Information Center gave an overview of what the project will focus on now. The Traffic Records Coordinating Council is finalizing their strategic plan to continue the work on crash process enhancements as well as move forward with an all-inclusive comprehensive traffic safety system for traffic records processing.

Next Meeting is April 21, 2006 in the Presentation Room. Adjourn.